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In re the Application of: Makoto HASEYAMA Group Art Unit: 2829

Serial No.: 10/677,378 Examiner: Ernest F. Karlsen

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For: CONTACTOR APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND A TEST METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

Attorney Docket Number: 032003

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

November 4, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2004.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims 1-16 and Group II, Claims 17-20.

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group I, Claims (1-16) for prosecution in this application. In addition, applicant also elects Species I (Figures 1 and 2). Claims 1 and 2 are readable on Figures 1 and 2, and Claim 1 is generic to Species 1-6. Additionally, the applicant elects subspecies of Figure 10, in this application.

This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicant's right to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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